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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: (A) STATE 196080 (NOTAL), (B) JONES-HOWARD TELCONS
AUGUST 8

1. ON AUGUST 8, AMB SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG), FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THUS FAR 17 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CUBA, HAVE ACCEPTED GOM'S INVITATION FOR AUGUST 21 WORKING GROUP SESSION TO DISCUSS LA CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT. IN ADDITION TO CUBA, WHICH ACCEPTED AUGUST 8, OTHER LA COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO ATTEND MEXICO CITY MEETING INCLUDE: BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, SURINAM, VENEZUELA AND OF COURSE MEXICO AS HOST. GG SAID THAT CUBA WILL SEND A SPECIALIST WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN UN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY HIM BY NAME. CLEARLY GG WAS PLEASED BY CUBAN
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ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION. IN ADDITION, HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOM HAD APPROVED AND WAS TOMORROW PLANNING TO SEND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE DELIVERED BY TRAVELING MEXICAN AMBASSADOR.

2. GG IS LEAVING TOMORROW FOR RIO WHERE HE WILL ATTEND MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE. WHILE IN

RIO HE HOPES TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING MEXICAN WORKING GROUP MEETING ON ARMS LIMITATION. ACCORDING TO GG, BRAZIL FIRST REFUSED INVITATION BUT AFTER BEING REMINDED OF LOPEZ PORTILLO-GEISEL JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT SUPPORTED DISARMAMENT, BRAZIL HAS AGREED TO RECONSIDER MEXICAN INVITATION. WHILE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT BRAZIL WILL ATTEND, GG OBVIOUSLY HOPES TO HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH BRAZILIANS ABOUT CONFERENCE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT. FINALLY, GG SAID THAT ENROUTE TO RIO HE IS STOPPING OFF FOR AIRPORT MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF INITIATIVE ON LA ARMS RESTRAINT.

3. IN ACCORDANCE JONES-HOWARD TELCONS, GG SAID HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICERS--GEORGE JONES AND PRISCILLA CLAPP--ON AUGUST 12 IN RIO. GG REQUESTED EMBASSY PASS ALONG DINNER INVITATION TO U.S. OFFICERS, WHO CAN CONTACT HIM AT HOTEL MERIDIANI FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL IN RIO. LUCEY

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